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(PATENT)

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of:
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For: CURABLE COMPOSITION

Examiner: M. Bernshteyn

REQUEST FOR REFUND
(IMPROPER CHARGE OF DEPOSIT ACCOUNT)

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Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

I. REFUND REQUEST

This is a request for a refund with respect to the charge to Deposit Account 02-2448 shown on the statement for the month of January, 2010 for the above-identified

☒ application

☐ patent

☒ A copy of the monthly statement in which the error referred to occurs, accompanies this request.

II. FEES CHARGED FOR WHICH REFUND REQUESTED

	AMOUNT OF REFUND <u>REQUESTED</u>
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TOTAL REFUND REQUESTED	<u>130.00</u>
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III. EXPLANATION OF WHY CONTESTED CHARGE IS IN ERROR

A response was due to be filed in the USPTO on December 21, 2009 (Office Action mailed September 21, 2009). Our response was filed in the USPTO on December 22, 2009 due to the Closing of the United States Patent and Trademark Office on Monday, December 21, 2009, which was considered a Federal holiday (see the attached announcement dated December 23, 2009). Please credit our deposit account in the amount of \$130.00.

IV. MANNER OF REFUND

Please make refund by crediting Account No. 02-2448.

We respectfully request that the attached copy of this letter be returned to us with an indication that the credit has been processed.

Dated:

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Respectfully submitted,

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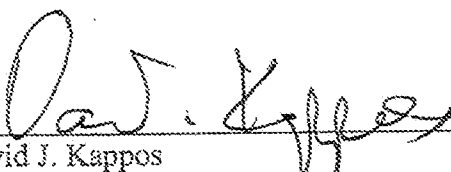
**Closing of the United States Patent and Trademark Office
on Monday, December 21, 2009**

In view of the official closing of the Federal Government offices in the Washington, D.C. metropolitan area, including the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO), on Monday, December 21, 2009, the USPTO will consider Monday, December 21, 2009, to be a "Federal holiday within the District of Columbia" under 35 U.S.C. § 21(b) and 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.6, 1.7, 1.9, 2.2(d), 2.195 and 2.196. Any action or fee due on Monday, December 21, 2009 (or the preceding Saturday (December 19, 2009) or Sunday (December 20, 2009)) will be considered as timely for the purposes of, e.g., 15 U.S.C. §§ 1051(b), 1058, 1059, 1062(b), 1063, 1064, 1126(d), or 35 U.S.C. §§ 119, 120, 133 and 151, if the action is taken, or the fee paid, on the next succeeding business day on which the USPTO is open, that is, Tuesday, December 22, 2009. 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.7(a) and 2.196.

37 C.F.R. §§ 1.6(a)(2), 2.195(a)(4) and 2.198 provide that correspondence deposited in the Express Mail Service of the United States Postal Service (USPS) in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.10 or 2.198 will be considered filed on the date of deposit (as shown by the "date-in" on the Express Mail mailing label) with the USPS. Thus, any paper or fee properly deposited in the Express Mail Service of the USPS on Monday, December 21, 2009, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.10 or 2.198 will be considered filed on its respective date of deposit in the Express Mail Service of the USPS (as shown by a "date-in" of December 21, 2009, on the Express Mail mailing label).

37 C.F.R. § 1.6(a)(4) and 37 C.F.R. § 2.195(a)(2) provide that patent and trademark-related correspondence transmitted electronically to the USPTO will be considered filed in the USPTO on the date the USPTO received the electronic transmission. Thus, any patent and/or trademark-related correspondence transmitted electronically to the USPTO on Monday, December 21, 2009, will be considered filed in the USPTO on the date the USPTO received the complete electronic transmission. Correspondence successfully received by the USPTO through the patent Electronic Filing System (EFS-Web) will receive the date as indicated on the Acknowledgement Receipt.

Date: 12/22/09



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